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Councilmember Gloria: Libraries and Rec Centers Can Remain Open
Funds Are Available in the FY 12 Budget to Avoid Proposed Closures

SAN DIEGO, CA (May 3, 2011) – Councilmember Todd Gloria today shared a plan that would spare libraries and recreation centers from the painful cuts proposed to begin on July 1. The plan draws upon nearly \$15 million of ongoing resource options to pay for these ongoing expenditures. The plan will be discussed as part of the Budget Review Hearings that begin on Wednesday, May 4.

“Browning out our libraries and recreation centers would be detrimental to the quality of life for San Diegans,” said Councilmember Todd Gloria, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. **“This plan shows that we can sustain these core services while remaining fiscally responsible.”**

From the day the proposed budget was released in mid-April, Councilmember Gloria was committed to finding the funding necessary to restore the library and recreation center hours. Based on the City Council’s budget resolution and the work of Independent Budget Analyst Andrea Tevlin, Councilmember Gloria identified \$14,950,000 of ongoing resources available to avoid the proposed cuts.

The resources that could be used to maintain libraries and recreation centers include

- The further reduction of benefits for Councilmembers and other City executives;
- Aggressively expanding the City’s marketing opportunities strategy – and responsibly revisiting some of our restrictions related to commercial signage;
- Further reducing training and overtime expenditures;
- Adjusting workers’ compensation and long-term disability funding; and
- Recovering full costs of specialized services created and intended for specific users, among others.

Council budget deliberations begin tomorrow, May 4 at 9:00 a.m. Public testimony is welcome. The full hearing schedule is available at

<http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/committees/budgetandfinance/pdf/fy12departmentalbudgethearingcalendar.pdf>. All public hearings will take place in City Council Chambers on the 12th floor of the City Administration Building, 202 C Street. Comments may also be emailed to budgetandfinance@sandiego.gov.

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Critical Services Can Be Spared: Resource Options and Proposed Service Restorations

Ongoing Resource Options	Total Resources
Adjust FY 12 Revenue Estimates	\$3,000,000
Expand Marketing Partnerships	\$500,000
Use Land Sales Revenues for Convention Center Phase II	\$2,500,000
Eliminate Management Flex Benefits	\$1,400,000
Eliminate Cell Phones for Non-Public Safety Departments	\$400,000
Reduce Workers' Compensation Funding	\$1,400,000
Adjust Terminal Leave	\$400,000
Adjust Long Term Disability Reserve Amounts	\$1,600,000
Reduce Overtime for Non-Public Safety Departments	\$1,250,000
Reduce Training and Overtime for Non-Public Safety Departments	\$1,000,000
Reduce IT Discretionary Funding by 20%	\$1,500,000
Total Ongoing Resource Options:	\$14,950,000
Restoration Options	Additional Cost
Fully restore all branch library hours to current service levels	\$7,400,000
Restore recreation center hours	\$2,900,000
Total:	\$10,300,000

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